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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Tomoyuki MAEDA, et al.

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EXAMINER:

FOR: PERPENDICULAR MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM

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Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

- The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
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RELATED CASES

- Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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LIST OF RELATED CASES

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218347US0SRD	10/050,118	01/18/02	Maeda, et al.

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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

Reference AA (6,428,906) of Form PTO-1449:

An under layer that contains CrTi ordered phase alloy is provided. But this underlayer is not used for L10 ordered phase magnetic layers.

Reference AO (2002-42331) of Form PTO-1449:

An under layer that contains crystal grain and grain boundary is disclosed. But this is a self-organized structure with different materials.

Reference AP (2002-251720) of Form PTO-1449:

An island under layer consist of the Pt for the ordered alloy magnetic layer is disclosed. But no thin film underlayer is provided.

Reference AQ (11-353648) of Form PTO-1449:

This discloses an underlayer which has a lattice constant that is close to those of LiO ordered alloy.

Reference AR (2001-189010) of Form PTO-1449:

This discloses an underlayer which has a lattice constant that is close to that of LiO ordered alloy.

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EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	6,428,906	08/06/02	Bunsen Y. WONG, et al.			
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	AO	2002-42331	02/08/02	Japan	YES		X
	AP	2002-251720	09/06/02	Japan			X
	AO	11-353648	12/24/99	Japan			X
	AR	2001-189010	07/10/01	Japan			X
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OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)							
	AW	Toshio SUZUKI, et al., "SPUTTER-DEPOSITED (Fe-Pt)-MgO COMPOSITE FILMS FOR PERPENDICULAR RECORDING MEDIA", IEEE Transactions on Magnetics, Vol., 37, No. 4, July 2001, pgs. 1283 - 1285.					
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